



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Yo-Yo Waterballs are inexpensive, easily  
3 accessible toys that pose a strangulation hazard and threaten  
4 to the health of children; and

5 WHEREAS, Yo-Yo Waterballs are banned in France, the United  
6 Kingdom, Luxembourg, Australia, Brazil, and Canada; and  
7 Germany and New Zealand have issued warnings concerning Yo-Yo  
8 Waterballs; and

9 WHEREAS, The New York State Consumer Protection Board has  
10 issued two warnings calling Yo-Yo Water Balls serious hazards  
11 to kids and the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs &  
12 Business Regulation calls Yo-Yo Waterballs a great risk to  
13 children; and

14 WHEREAS, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has  
15 reported that Yo-Yo Waterballs pose a potential risk of  
16 strangulation; and

17 WHEREAS, Consumer Reports rated Yo-Yo Waterballs as "not  
18 acceptable" in the December 2003 issue; and

19 WHEREAS, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
20 reported that as of December 5, 2003, Yo-Yo Waterballs were  
21 responsible for 262 reported health incidents, 193 of which  
22 were coded as causing "Suffocation or Strangulation"; of those  
23 193 incidents, 52 resulted in serious breathing difficulties  
24 that rendered the child unconscious and lifeless after  
25 suffering from a lack of oxygen or broken blood vessels; and

26 WHEREAS, World Against Toys Causing Harm labeled Yo-Yo  
27 Waterballs as one of the "10 Worst Toys" of 2003; and

28 WHEREAS, A July 2, 2003 petition from New York's Empire

1 State Consumer Association reported that the fluid inside the  
2 balls is toxic and flammable; and

3 WHEREAS, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
4 reported that 24 children reported allergic reactions to the  
5 fluid and it caused some to have trouble breathing; and

6 WHEREAS, In spite of evidence concerning the danger to  
7 children caused by Yo-Yo Waterballs, the U.S. Consumer Product  
8 Safety Commission has refused repeated attempts towards  
9 banning or recalling these dangerous toys; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the serious threat of  
13 Yo-Yo Waterballs to our children; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge the U.S. Consumer Product Safety  
15 Commission to ban the sale of Yo-Yo Waterballs; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of the resolution be sent to the U.S.  
18 Consumer Product Safety Commission and each member of the  
19 Illinois congressional delegation.